## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



Region 5 Superfund Division Chicago, Illinois

February 10, 2015

Mr. Mark Hanson Public Works Superintendent Municipal Service Center 7305 Oxford Street St. Louis Park, MN 55426

Re: Sampling of W48 by the City Prior to Plugging by Methodist Hospital

Dear Mr. Hanson:

As you are aware, Methodist Hospital is planning a building expansion over the area where well W48 is located. Dave Scheer and Jay Hall and others met with the hospital yesterday. The hospital has scheduled to pull the pump from the well on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015. MPCA and MDH staff are coordinating geophysical and video logging of the well on February 20<sup>th</sup> and the well is scheduled to be abandoned beginning the week of March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Agencies strongly request that the City conduct discrete interval sampling of well W48 between February 25 and February 28, using procedures proposed by the City in the October 7, 2014 Technical Memorandum from Geosyntech. Dave Scheer and Eric Tollefsrud/Geosyntech can coordinate to select sampling intervals. The samples should be analyzed for VOCs and PAHs. This information will be invaluable to the City and the Agencies in evaluating pathways of contaminant movement in the Prairie du Chien aquifer at the Reilly site.

We are aware that EPA and MPCA have not yet signed the *Reilly Site 2015 Sampling Plan, St. Louis Park, Minnesota*, that includes the revised quality assurance project plan (QAPP). However, the City has submitted a revised document that addresses Agency comments. We have reviewed the revised QAPP and find that it is acceptable to the technical team. We have not yet received final signature approval from EPA's QAPP reviewer, but expect that shortly. In the meantime, we request that you use the procedures from the 2015 QAPP for sampling W48.

Sincerely yours,

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